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Inventors: BUCHWALD *et al.*
Our Ref: 1875.0560004

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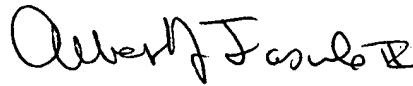
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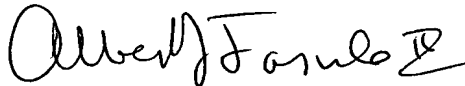
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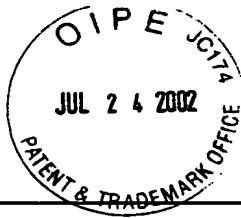
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